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## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-103 and 105-150 without prejudice.

Claim 104, which is not being changed, reads as follows:

sub C1 104. An absorbent personal hygiene device comprising: a layer that allows liquid to pass,  
a water barrier sheet, an absorbent core interposed between said layer and said sheet, the  
absorbent core containing at least about 25% of fluffed wood fiber pulp, wherein said fluffed  
wood fiber pulp comprises wood fiber pulp that has been: cold caustic extracted and fluffed by  
mechanical action.

REMARKS

The pending claim is now claim 104.

The foregoing cancellation of claims 1-103 and 105-150 is being made to put the present  
application in better form for the purpose of requesting an interference with U.S. Patent

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